Please type a plus sign (+) inside th	is box	→	+
---------------------------------------	--------	---	---

PTC/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

(but do many uncolo do novocally)						
Sheet		1	of			

Complete if Known						
Application Number 10 037,431						
Filing Date 10 29 01						
First Named Inventor Tuomikoski, Joseph						
Group Art Unit 3350						
Examiner Name	D. MGUYEN					
Attorney Docket Number	21452-00002					

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	U.S. Patent Number			Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
37		5,035,435		Burgeson et al	07-30-1991		
ומצטו		5,456,036		Butz	10-10-1995		
$\sim$ 0		5,555,663		Burgeson	09-17-1996		
333		5,836,842		McLearan	11-17-1998	-	
480		5,987,800		Regan	11-23-1999		
80		6,038,804		Cuerrier	03-21-2000		
マグ		6,174,251	B1	Lemote	01-16-2001		
マン		6,199,311	B1	Foster	03-13-2001		
$\vdash \forall$							
		<b>\</b>			1		
			$\dashv$		<del></del>		
$\vdash$			$\overline{}$				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Kina Code I	Kind Code <sup>3</sup>	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant		
iiilibala	110.	Office <sup>3</sup>	Number	(if known)	Tippindant of Onco Document	MM-DD-YYYY	Figures Appear	T⁵
-		$\vdash$						┼
			,			<del> </del>		┼
		<del>                                     </del>				<del>                                     </del>		╁╴
								T
								$\vdash$
1		1 1				L i		1

Examiner DINH Q. NGUYEN	Date Considered III/II/03

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



+

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.